

REMARKS

Claims 25-42 remain pending in the application, with Claims 25, 30, 34, and 39 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to attend to formal matters. No new matter has been added.

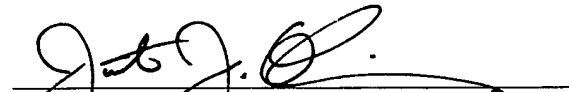
In the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, Claims 25-33 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,148,141. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicants are filing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the rejection.

Also enclosed is a check for the \$130.00 fee for filing the Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.321 and 1.20(d).

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, allowance of Claims 25-33, and early passage to issue of the application are respectfully requested.

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